

# Executive Proclamation

## State of South Dakota

### Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Gettysburg, South Dakota, (originally spelled "Gettysburgh") was founded by a joint stock company in 1883; and,

WHEREAS, A. G. Williams was the first mayor of Gettysburg and the first postmaster was grocer Menzo M. Benster, who set up shop in his own store on August 14, 1883; and,

WHEREAS, Like many aggressive, growing communities, Gettysburg was involved in a county seat dispute. There was a fierce struggle with Forest City in the early to mid 1880's. In January, 1885, Gettysburg was named the county seat of Potter County. Many people feel the courthouse battle was helped to fruition when George W. Todd and Robert E. Fisk donated both money and land to a new courthouse provided it be built in Gettysburg; and,

WHEREAS, The Gettysburg Courier was first published on April 4, 1895, and the city was incorporated in 1907; and,

WHEREAS, The people of Gettysburg are a hardy stock of pioneers who are a prime example of what South Dakota is all about. They are hard-working, dedicated Americans who are this summer celebrating their first one hundred years in Potter County; and,

WHEREAS, Considering their humble beginnings, the people of Gettysburg have a great deal to be proud of for all they have accomplished in the first century on the prairie; and,

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper that we all join Gettysburg in celebrating this prestigious and memorable event:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 1, 1983, as

GETTYSBURG CENTENNIAL DAY

In South Dakota.



ATTEST:

*Alice Kundert*  
ALICE KUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have herunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirteenth Day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Three

*William J. Janklow*  
WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE MICROPHOTODUPLICATION IMAGE APPEARING ON THIS SLIDE OF MICROFILM IS AN ACCURATE REPRODUCTION OF THE ORIGINAL RECORD AND WAS MICROFILMED IN THE REGULAR COURSE OF BUSINESS ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONS OF SOUTH DAKOTA COMPILLED LAW 1-2-4. IT IS FURTHER CERTIFIED THAT THE PHOTOGRAPHIC PROCESS USED FOR MICROFILMING OF THE ABOVE RECORDS WAS IN A MANNER AND ON MICROFILM WHICH MEET THE RECOMMENDED REQUIREMENTS OF THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS FOR PERMANENT MICROPHOTODUPLICATION REPRODUCTIONS. REDUCTION 25% ROLL NO. 4 DATE MICROFILMED 2-7-84 CAMERA OPERATOR [Signature]